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INTIMATIONS

THEATRE  ROYAL
CITY HALL, HONGKONG.
THIS (THURSDAY) EVENING
OCTOBER 24TH, 1878.
THE ROYAL ENGLISH OPERA &
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WALLACE'S ROMANTIC OPERA
"M A R I T A N A"
In Three Acts.
MISS ELGIA MAY AS MARITANA
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DON CÉSAR DE BAZAN Mr. H. VERNON.
DON JOSE Mr. H. PHILLIPS.
KING OF SPAIN Mr. PADDO.
MARQUIS DE MONTE-
PIONT Mr. J. ROLLINGS.
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CAPTAIN OF THE
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MUSICAL DIRECTOR..... Mr. F. PANIZ.

The Operas are produced under the Sole
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 AN. **THE Company's Steamship.**
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of the latest designs,
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Hongkong, 18th October, 1878.

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THE HONGKONG DERBY. A Sweepstake
of \$20 each, half forfeit if declared on or before
the date of closing Entries, with 3100 added to
the Losses and \$200 to the Winner's Share.
both \$600. Griffs at date of Entry (25th Jan-
uary, 1879). First Pony 70 lbs. Second Pon-
ey 70 lbs. and Third 60 lbs. Each to pay
Weight 21 lb. each. One Mile and a Half.
minutions close SATURDAY, 21st Decem-
ber, 1878, at the Hongkong Jockey Club De-
pot, at the Hongkong Club.
By Order,
M. W. SAUNDERS, Lieut. R.
Clerk of the Races.

HONGKONG, 11th October, 1878.
F. H. T. C. H. I. N. G.
 E. begins to announce to the Community
 Hongkong that he will be able to supply
BEEF, MUTTON, &c.
 from 1st October, and trusts that they may
 find him their support.
BEEF—WILLINGTON STREET, opposite
Cathedral.
Hongkong, 19th September, 1878.

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 TO CONSIGNEES OF OPTIONAL CARGO
EX O.S.S. CO'S S.S. "ANTENOR"
FROM LIVERPOOL.
 Shipping Orders must be obtained
 the Undersigned not later than SAT-
 URDAY, the 24th inst. for shipment per ST-
 EPHRAIM.
W. H. FIELD & SWIRE, Agents
Hongkong, 23rd October, 1878.
OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

CONSIGNEES. The Company's Ste-
 amers are hereby notified that Cargo is being
 charged into Craft, & landed at the God-
 own of the Undersigned, in both cases it will be
 Consignee's risk. The Cargo will be ready
 delivery from Craft or Godown on and after
 25th October 1878.

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1878, will be subject to Rent.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.
Hongkong, 23rd October, 1878.

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and address with communications addressed to the

Editor, not for publication, but as evidence of good

faith.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, OCTOBER 24th, 1878.

The question of gaol accommodation in this

colony is one of such importance that we

need offer no apology for again referring to

it. It is only within the last two years that

the number of prisoners has increased to

such an extent as to suggest any necessity

for enlarging Victoria Gaol. So much

money has been expended on prisons in Hong-

kong that there is no cause for wonder that

the community here feel rather sore at the

prospect of another outlay in this direction.

The experiment on Stonecutter's Island cost

an enormous sum, and the money has been

literally thrown away. Only a main drain

remains as a memorial of the wasteful

extravagance of a past administration. The

Colony does not want to see any repetition

of that experiment, and the Secretary of

State for the Colonies would appear to have

had that failure in mind when he wrote—

"As at present advised, I consider it wholly

out of the question to establish two separate

prisons in so small a colony."

Sir MICHAEL HICKS-BEACH evidently had been given

to understand that need exists for the ex-

tension of the prison accommodation,

and, it must be confessed, he deals with the

matter in a practical, common-sense manner.

But the questions again to be asked are:

Must the Gaol be enlarged? Is the separate

system the only remedy that is likely to

operate in procuring a reduction of crime in

Hongkong? Sir MICHAEL HICKS-BEACH

disapproves of Mr. PRIOR's plans for altering

the Gaol, because they would diminish the

size of the airing yards, already too small,

and would still further crowd the buildings

together. It therefore follows that to carry

out the separate system the Colony must incur

an expense which would swallow up its surplus

revenue, besides burdening it with a consi-

derable annual addition for the maintenance

of the establishment. The separate system

is detested by Europeans, and we do not

doubt it would be equally so with the

Chinese, but we simply cannot afford to try

it at the price we should have to pay.

Other repressive measures have been tried

and found effectual with the Kwangtung

criminals, and it would be far better to

revert to them again than to involve the

Colony in an excessive outlay to house,

clothe, and feed hundreds of scoundrels

who do not in any sense belong to it.

Nazim pasha's visit. At present the punish-

ment is not always equal to the offence. More

improvement is no punishment to the Chi-

nese criminal. He looks upon the gaol as a

convenient temporary lodging-house, and

feeling no sense of shame, cares little how

soon he re-enters it. This fact has been

illustrated on more than one occasion by

pardoned prisoners who within a day or two

have found their way back again to the

hospital refectory they had so recently quitted.

The reduction of the dietary scale by Gover-

norment HICKS-BEACH was a good measure, and

we believe that the utmost scrutiny is now being

exercised over the prisoners to prevent their

smuggling into the Gaol any of the little

luxuries to which they are addicted, such

as opium or tobacco. Periodical inflictions

of corporal punishment in the presence

of the prisoners would also be a salutary

incentive to hard labour, and would

largely dissipate the sense of freedom

from risk or responsibility which apathetic

Orientals are so prone to take refuge in when

consigned to gaol. Then the hard labour

should be made real and profitable. It is

scandalous that a mob of able-bodied labourers

should be allowed to live upon the rubbish of

honest men; they should be compelled to

earn something more than their food every

day. The toil should be severe, disagreeable,

and protracted. The labourer and the artiz-

an go to their couch wearied with the day's

work; much more should the rogue retire

to rest only after he has performed a heavy

task. It would be gall and wormwood to

the Chinese criminal to know that the labour

of his hands, whilst outside the gaol, would

procure him all his desired luxuries as well

as food and lodging, only went into the

Colonial coffers to help to pay his gaolers.

To be made to earn his own subsistence and

receive daily punishment also would render

gaol life far less tolerable than it now is.

Let all those expedients at least be

given a trial, or any serious attempt

be made to adopt the separate system.

Concurrently with greater severity in the

prosecution of the Gaol, there should be a

return to summary methods of punishment

for certain offences. Instead of committing

prisoners to gaol, a dose of the cat or rat-

whip, with a promise of a severe infliction on a

second appearance before the magistrate,

would go far to keep down the number of

the inmates of the Gaol. Power should be

given the Police to arrest all suspicious

characters and take them before the magis-

trates, when, if unable to give a satis-

factory account of themselves, they should

be ordered to quit the Colony on pain of

being treated as rogues and vagabonds.

These classes of offenders should be invariably

exhibited in the stocks, and every effort made

to discourage such characters from visiting

the Colony. The Kwangtung criminals sent

Hongkong so clearly that the Colony is justifi-

ed in taking extraordinary measures to get

rid of them. To do this is surely more ex-

pedient than to provide new and more com-

modious lodgings for them.

The Police Hulk was removed to her old

position yesterday morning.

The Royal English Opera Company will per-

form Wallace's opera "Meridian" at the Theatre

Royal, this evening.

We are informed by the Superintendent of the

Eastern Extension Telegraph Company that

telegrams to India, Europe, and America are

now sent by the cable. The repairs to the Aus-

tralian cable are finished.

We have acknowledged with thank, receipt of

copies of Messrs. De Souza & O'Connell's Catalogue

for 1878. These are very useful productions, but

we can hardly say that this one is executed with

neatness. It is out of good time, and warns us

of the rapid approach of another year.

The British steamer *Admiral*, Captain H.

Jones, having passed the British steamer

John Bull, on the 21st inst., on the 7th

inst., 500 miles West of Achen Head, and on

the 15th inst., near Palo Verde, passed the

British ship *John O'Grady* (P). The *John O'Grady*

is at Manila on the 17th inst.

An inquiry was held yesterday afternoon at

the Government Civil Hospital before Mr. C. V.

Cox, District Magistrate, and a jury composed of Messrs.

H. M. Dwyer, F. W. Keen, and J. A. Blythe, on the

body of an Indian female child, named Juah

Min, who was accidentally killed in a house in

the Wong lung on the 21st inst., and from

the effects of which she died. The jury re-

turned a verdict of accidental death.

The *Thames* Times says:—A portrait of Xing

Wing, the well known Chinese pioneer of edu-

cational reform and associate editor of the *United*

States, shows that he has at last renounced the

confucian ideal of a ruler, and has adopted the

idea of a ruler as a servant of the people. This

is a very unusual innovation, even for the

most advanced representative of Chinese progress.

Possibly it may have been a capital concession

on the part of the Government, but it is at least

the first step towards a more liberal and

enlightened policy. The *Thames* Times says:—

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